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Almost finished construction prompts office relocations

By BEN HUNTER/NEWS REPORTER

The Thomas P. Stafford Building nears completion and not only have some departments already moved in, but everyone scheduled to move should do so by the spring semester.

Mark Engelman, director

of computer services, and his staff have transferred to their new home on the second floor of the new building. The high school relations department will move Dec. 19, and other departments will soon follow.

According to Myrtle Dill of computer services, the financial aid department will

move Dec. 20, followed by additional computers for the building's labs Dec. 21.

Dill also said the faculty for the departments of business and computer science will relocate to the third floor between Dec. 26 and Dec. 29.

Some new instructors will

occupy the Stafford building, but many of the teachers and staff will come from the Administration Building and other existing departments and buildings on campus.

After giving several examples of offices being occupied by more than one person, Dr. Paulette Chaffin Woods, vice president for student services, explained that the moves will alleviate current crowded conditions.

Woods said that additional moves for the Administration Building should take place in March.

The heavily equipped computer lab in the Stafford Building's first floor should be ready for use when students return for class at the beginning of the next semester.

The lab contains 22 Compaq 486SX workstations and 15 Apple Power Macintosh 7200s. A Hewlett Packard IV Si MX laserjet printer will also be available to students.

The lab is scheduled to be open 80 hours per week next semester and 60 per week the summer semester.



Beth Koczo flashes her white elephant prize as Stephanie Helton and Shawna Lee examine their gifts at the health information management Christmas party. Photo by Andrea Hoffman

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View of the Staff

Dear Santa,

The staff felt it acted especially good this year, but instead of spitting out the usual gimmie list, we, the editors, felt that a thank-you list was in order.

We thank you, Santa, for our almost finished Stafford Building. Besides the amount of space it creates, the building houses computer labs chock full of new Compaqs and Apples that will benefit students in a technical manner.

We thank you, Santa, for our highly-functioning Student Government Association/Student Senate. We feel that Aaron Roark, along with Bryan Evans and the other members, is striving to let Southwestern students' needs be heard and addressed.

And finally, we thank you, Santa, that this is our last issue until late January.

We need a break.

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Left is Right

By Mitch Fuller

In this, the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, the original intent and role of the UN in the world is nearer to being fulfilled. The grand idea of collective security is alive and well with the NATO troop deployment in Bosnia, including 20,000 American troops. Much debate is taking place today regarding the wisdom of placing American troops in Bosnia. Clearly, it is the course for the United States to follow. We are the most powerful nation in the world, economically and militarily, and a mission in Bosnia without U.S. involvement is bound to fail.

American involvement in Bosnia is justified, warranted, and required for several reasons. First, it is about U.S. credibility and commitment. The U.S. made a commitment to the security of Europe in the context of the Cold War in 1949 by forming the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Even, though the Soviet threat no longer exists, the security of Europe is still at risk, and therefore the commitment showed must be maintained. To do otherwise could undermine U.S. credibility.

Second, American values are at stake, as well as those affected most by the civil war, the innocent victims in the conflict, and the nations of Europe. Americans value peace and stability and do not desire to continue to see children killed in a senseless conflict. A civil war in which at least 250,000 people have been killed in five years is in violation of those values. The price for the enforcement of our values and the preservation of peace and human life is a troop deployment to engage in peace enforcement, which is the mission in Bosnia.

Third, the Bosnian policy brings closer the New World Order that President Bush proclaimed in 1990. The New World Order is really an "old" concept based on the idea of peace enforcement through collective security. The ideas of Woodrow Wilson, Floyd Gage, and all of those responsible for the genius of the League of Nations have provided the intellectual history behind the New World Order. It is an old concept manifested in the contemporary reality of the post-Cold War world.

All three of the reasons are correlated with our national interests in Europe. A taciturn United States that isolates itself by not acting on the play at hand only serves to sabotage our credibility, values, and our commitment to collective security.

U.S. leadership through the stewardship of President Clinton and his commitment to NATO and Bosnia is a wise policy choice that Wilson would be proud of, as we all should be.



The Right Side

By James M. Branum

The ongoing budget debate is a battle between two views of what role our government should serve in this society. Let's look at where America will be in 2002 with both of these visions of the future. . .

The GOP plan to reform government spending will give America. . .

- **a stronger economy**- The Republican budget plan provides for more than \$245 billion in tax cuts, and credits. By the year 2002, these tax cuts will give the American public more money for discretionary spending, resulting in increased economic power for America.
- **a meaner, leaner and more effective Medicare/Medicaid System**- The GOP plan will salvage Medicare so that it will still be around in 2002. It will cut red tape and bureaucratic costs involved in processing claims, and allow for a nominal increase in premiums.
- **and a system that puts people to work**- The Republican

plan will give the states the authority to operate social programs. This will enable states to develop creative programs that force recipients of these programs to go out and get a job, instead of sitting at home watching TV.

President Bill 'Slick' Clinton's failed plan will give us. . .

- **an increased poverty rate**- Since Clinton's budget reaffirms the entitlement status of welfare and social spending, by the year 2002, even more Americans will be stuck in poverty in a system that discourages hard work and initiative.
- **higher taxes**- Clinton's budget does make the same kind of genuine tax cuts that the Republican plan does. America will not be able to enjoy the increased buying power that the GOP plan gives them.
- **a continuation of unnecessary government programs that stifle business and industry**- Our President's failed plan leaves 'sacred cows' like the EPA intact.
- **and an inefficient top-heavy federal government**- Clinton's plan leaves intact agencies like the Department of Education that encroach on the rights of states to develop their own programs.

The choices are clear. Congress has presented President Clinton common-sense solutions to the budget crisis, and he has chosen to make a mockery of them. It's time to let Clinton know what you think. Call him at (202)456-1414 and let him now what you think.

On another note, check out the College Republicans of SWOSU homepage. It is located on the World Wide Web at <http://clever.net/westok.net/JMB/crepub.html>.

Reflections

By John Holthe

It's Christmas time! Let's sing some songs, shall we?

JINGLE BELLS

1. Jingle bells! Batman smells. Robin laid an egg. Batmobile lost a wheel and the Joker got away.
- Refrain: I'm dashing through the snow. And everywhere else I go. I'm just so dadgum cute it makes people want to puke.
- ## THE 12 DAYS OF XMAS
- On the first day of Xmas my true love gave to me: a steel spike through the left knee.
- On the second day of Xmas my true love gave to me: two black eyes and ...
- On the third day of Xmas my true love gave to me: three lacerations,...

- On the fourth day of Xmas my true love gave to me: four big bruises,...
- On the fifth day of Xmas my true love gave to me: FIVE BROKEN RIBS,...
- On the sixth day of Xmas my true love gave to me: six bullets through the chest,...
- On the seventh day of Xmas my true love gave to me: seven deadly snakes,...
- On the eighth day of Xmas my true love gave to me: eight black widows,...
- On the ninth day of Xmas my true love gave to me: nine poisonous mushrooms,...
- On the tenth day of Xmas my true love gave to me: ten bottles of acid,...
- On the eleventh day of Xmas my true love gave to me: 11 scorpions,...
- On the twelfth day of Xmas I finally realized: my true loves hates my guts.

From the mailbag

Dear UMA, Linda Howard, Jeff Gentry, and the Editor of *THE SOUTHWESTERN*,

How can we ever thank you for the kindness you have shown by the love and friendship we feel here in Weatherford. In an age where our world has so much violence, insecurity, starvation, loneliness, and anger, the Stricklers are a walking testimony to the existence and strength of human kindness. We often question what in the world we have ever done to deserve such blessings. All we can really say is that we are grateful, overwhelmed, blessed, and that we can thank God for sending us to a community that he knew would take care of us through the biggest trial of our life together. We both know that there are millions of other people in this world who are going through similar or worse experiences, yet don't have the same kind of support team. Again—we feel overwhelmingly fortunate.

The benefit auction was a huge success in many ways. Yes, a lot of money was raised. However, we think it was about much more than just money. We saw people caring, sharing, laughing, loving, and reaffirming the human spirit. We can't think of a better testimony during this season of giving.

Please know that we can't find the right words to thank you, so we are turning those words into prayers. We thank God for sharing you are your love with us and we pray for you and your families. May you feel the same warmth and kindness that we have felt.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

With Love,
Steve and Molly Strickler

Take Notice

'Campus bulletin' email listserver now operational for student accounts

Anyone with a campus internet account can send a message to SOAPBOX!, a new campus information listserver. To send a message to be broadcast to everyone subscribed to SOAPBOX!, send an email to soapbox@swosu.edu with a detailed subject heading.

To find out how to subscribe to the service, or for more information, check out the information page listed under "General Information" on the main campus internet access menu.



Register to Vote!

You can register to vote at the Post Office, or at any tag agency by filling out a simple form. For more information call the County Election Board at 323-5124.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



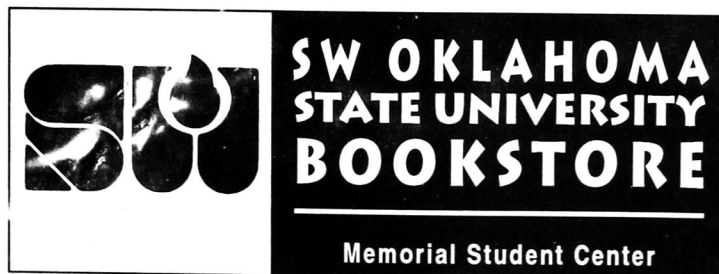
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New OT program awaits approval

By S. HEIDEBRECHT/NEWS REPORTER

An occupational therapy degree program will be up for approval at the January meeting of the state Board of Regents.

According to Bob Brown, vice president of academic affairs, the curriculum will include 17 to 18 hours of general education, 71 or 72 hours of applied sciences, 17 hours of technical occupational support courses, 24 hours of specialty courses and 12 hours of field work.

Initial contacts with crediting agencies have been made, and will be submitted to the state Board of Regents in January.

A tentative application deadline has been set for April 1, 1996. The curriculum could begin as early as fall semester.

Frosty Troy to bring message to campus

By AMBER GRAHAM/NEWS REPORTER

The event will not take place for more than a month, but award-winning journalist Frosty Troy is scheduled to be the next Panorama event Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Troy is the editor of the *Oklahoma Observer*, an independent journal of politics, government and social issues. His publication has won more than four dozen local, state, and national journalism awards.

The Observer is published by his wife Helen, while Troy himself speaks across the nation on his three favorite topics — the free enterprise system, education and politics.

In addition to his Pulitzer Prize nomination for his daily radio commentary covering Oklahoma, Troy has also headed capital and Washington newspaper

bureaus.

Other awards include the Scouting's God and Country Award, the First Amendment Award, the National and Oklahoma Friend of Education Awards and an

induction to the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

The Panorama series began at Southwestern in 1991 and is designed to bring outstanding speakers and entertainers to the campus.

'The Servant of Two Masters'

Cast named for next production

Cast members have been announced for next semester's production of *The Servant of Two Masters*, scheduled for Feb. 22-24. Theatre instructor Rozilyn Miller will direct the play.

Cast members and their roles are Greg Daubenspeck, Pantalone; Toni Sherrill, Clarice; Ron Woodward, Dr. Lombardi; Marc Moyer, Silvio; Beth Lakey, Beatrice Rasponi.

Also, Derric Garrick, Florindo Aretusi; Tammy Carter, Brighella; Heather Sprague, Smeraldina; Rob Frick, Truffaldino; Gary Hickerson, Nicki and Bryan Abbott, Vittorio.

Andrea Hoffman was named assistant director.

The play focuses on a servant who tries to work for two masters without letting either one know about the other.

Correction

Figures for the new housing rates were incorrectly reported in the last issue of *THE SOUTHWESTERN*. Each rate was off approximately \$2. Editors regret the error.

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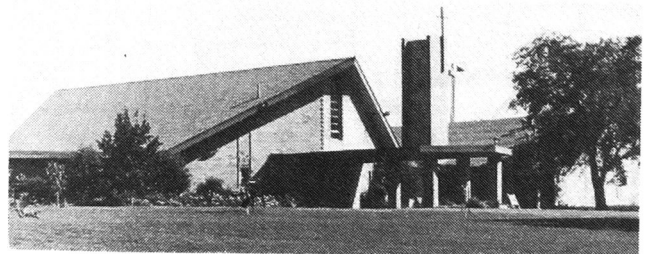
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Sidewalk chalk resolution up for approval

40 students chosen to attend Pharmacy School in spring

By JASON MORGAN/NEWS REPORTER

Student Government Association President Aaron Roark indicated that he would sign into effect Southwestern Student Resolution #003 at the Senate meeting last Wednesday night.

This resolution sets forth provisions for the organizational use of sidewalk chalk advertisements on campus for a trial basis.

The resolution reads that the sidewalk chalk ads can "consist of organizational function news and no personal, political ideas, or slanderous material whatsoever."

The resolution also makes specific provisions for the duration, placement, and removal of the chalked advertisements.

This resolution must now go to Dr. Paulette Chaffin Woods, vice president for student services, for approval.

If she okays it, the resolution will go to university President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler, who has the final say.

Woods has indicated her reluctance to sign anything that is in "direct opposition to campus policy."

Woods went on to say that "at this point in time I am inclined not to approve it, but

I will reserve decision until I can discuss it with Dr. Hibler."

Dr. Steve Hilterbran, dean of students, said that it is "an open invitation to graffiti" because of what he observed on other campuses which allowed sidewalk chalking.

He also said that the university tries "to preserve the outside aesthetic beauty of the campus and its buildings, and this would run contrary to that."

When asked about the sidewalk chalk that has already been placed on campus, Hilterbran said that if the people responsible are found, appropriate actions would be taken.

By WARREN ROACH/NEWS REPORTER

The School of Pharmacy has selected its forty new students for the spring semester.

Susan Thiessen, admissions counselor, said the school received approximately 150 applications. One hundred thirty-five of those applicants were qualified to attend the school.

Eighty-five students were invited for an interview.

A list of the inductees will be published in an early spring issue of *THE SOUTHWESTERN* because the list is subject to change before next semester begins.

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The opposition returns

Campus Democrats regroup in light of Republican overload

By LESLIE TAYLOR/NEWS EDITOR

Some point fingers at them and charge "liberal!"

Some laugh at their small number; others shudder at their strong belief in Medicare.

Some know that a few of them wouldn't be afraid to stand up in the face of a conservative and scream "bull" to their opinion on sending troops to Bosnia.

But no matter what campus conservatives think, the opposition is back.

The Young Democrats (YD) have reorganized as a result of the Republicanmania across the country.

From the Grand Old Party's takeover of Congress to the possibility of a Republican president, the conservative party seeps out of every crack in the nation—even on Southwestern's campus.

But the YDs, seven members young, hope to change all that.

President Ken Defrank, history education major, helped to get the club back on its feet after a lull the past few semesters.

"There was just a lack of interest on campus," Defrank said. "People didn't like politics."

Defrank said people still don't like politics, but reference librarian Carolyn Torrence introduced the idea of regenerating the YD to him.

"She got the ball rolling," Defrank said. "We decided that both parties needed to be represented on campus."

Ergo, the YDs resurfaced with Torrence co-sponsoring the club with new political science instructor Terry Garrett.

The club's beliefs basically mirror those of the National Democratic Party. Defrank called this chapter, however, "moderate and very pro-education."

On a national level, he cited congressional efforts to cut educational funding as a problem the club will address.

Therefore, opposition of State Question 669, a question that Democrats believe will follow the GOP trend of cutting school monies, sits on the top of the YD agenda for this and next semester.

The question, Defrank interpreted, would hurt education

and he stands "100 percent" against the proposal.

"People see tax cuts and think it's a great idea, but it affects education. People need to be off the street and in school, but this would cut as deeply as the Head Start program," Defrank said.

Voters get the question on Super Tuesday, March 12, and Defrank hopes to educate the campus on its woes before the date by possibly holding a public forum discussing SQ 669.

He even thinks about asking the College Republicans (CR) to face off in a public debate next semester about the proposed question to "get more students involved in politics."

Defrank denies that he is "against the College Republicans in any way," and credits the club with being "well-organized."

The CRs currently boast 50 active members, plus the club was named the best CR organization in the nation last year.

On a national level,

however, Defrank does believe the GOP acts "nasty."

"They're not into compromise," he said. "It's either their way or no way."

Defrank spoke more kindly of the national Democratic Party. He believes President Clinton has done okay, but thinks the leader has gotten a lot of bad press.

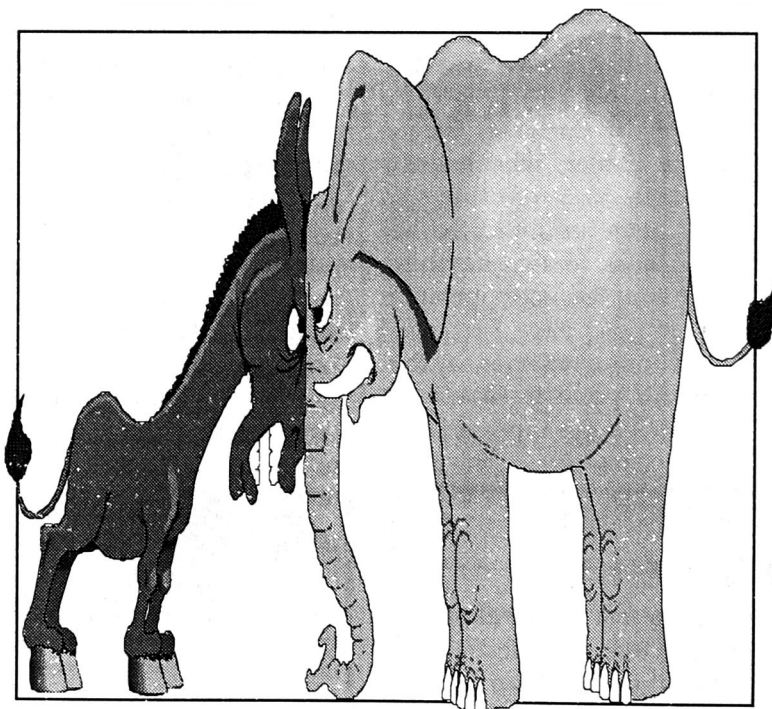
"He's tried to please too many people," Defrank said. "He's standing his ground more now and learning that it's okay to step on some toes."

As for current YD business, Defrank wants to get more students registered to vote locally and wishes the club to do some grunt work for the state and national Democratic party when election time rolls around.

Also, he has scheduled a winter barbecue later this month where admission will be food items to donate to the less fortunate families in the community.

Other YD club officers include Melet Springer, vice president; and Leslie Butler, secretary/treasurer.

Defrank said for students to look for flyers around campus on the specifics of the next meeting and barbecue.



News in Brief

Rogers, Jefferson Halls to serve as interim housing

Rogers and Jefferson Halls will remain open over the winter break for those students in need of housing.

The interim housing program will last from Dec. 20 to Jan. 9. The cost of \$133 should be paid in the business office.

According to Kirk Hoffman, director of housing, the rooms are open on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those students planning to stay should contact the respective dorm parents, Holly Hale and Arley Fite.

Campus chemistry organization given special recognition

Southwestern's affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society was recently selected for special recognition with an

Honorable Mention chapter for activities conducted during the '94-'95 academic year.

This chapter will be recognized in an upcoming issue of the society's official national news magazine, *Chemical & Engineering News*, and in the student affiliates magazine, *In Chemistry*.

Dr. Harold White, recent retiree from the chemistry department, served as faculty advisor for the club.

BSA organizing campus' first Miss Black SW Pageant

The Black Student Association is currently organizing a Miss Black Southwestern Pageant, the first of its kind on this campus.

Shannon Hayes, club president, said that persons with ideas can contact him at 323-1014 or club member Latuisha Crawford at 323-7001.

Domino tournament slated for next semester

A domino tournament is scheduled for Jan. 25 with a trophy going the first place winner.

Cash prizes will also be awarded, depending upon the number of entrants.

Southwestern students, employees and faculty members are invited to play.

Cost to participate is \$2.

The event, sponsored by the BSA, will take place in the Student Union Ballroom.

Interested persons can call 774-6121 for more details about the tournament.

Feminists for Equality to hold first meeting tonight

Feminists for Equality will hold its organizational meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Education Building, 207.

Reference librarian Carolyn Torrence and political science instructor David Wright will co-sponsor the club.

Both genders are urged to attend the meeting.

Clubs who wish to have a tidbit of news in this section should contact Leslie Taylor at 774-3065.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE

SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Final Examinations Fall 1995

TIME	THUR DEC 14	FRI DEC 15	MON DEC 18	TUES DEC 19	WED DEC 20
8:30-10:20	8 MWF 8 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	Multi-Section Education Pharmacy	11 TRF 11 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	10 TRF 10 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	9 MWF 9 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week
10:30-12:20	4 MTR 4 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	2 MTR 2 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	3 MTR 3 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	2 MW Multi-section Pol. Sci Marketing	12 TRF 12 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week
12:30-2:20	Multi-section Math Art Health & PE Allied Health	11 MW Multi-section Economics Social Work	Multi-section Sociology Physics Off. Admin.	10 MW 10-11:15 MW	9 TR Multi-section Comp. Sci.
2:30-4:20	8 TR 8:35-9:50 TR	1 MTR 1 o'clocks meeting 4 or 5 days a week	Multi-section Psychology Geography Pharmacy	Multi-section Chemistry Music Sci. El. Tchrs	3 WF 3-5:40 W 2:35-3:50 WF Multi-section History Tech. Educ.
4:30-6:20	Multi-section Bus. Educ. Gen. Bus. Biol. Sci.	Multi-section English Journalism Speech	12 MW 11:35-12:50 MW	4 WF Multi-section Accounting Foreign Lang.	1 WF 1-2:15 WF Multi-section Philosophy Biol. Sci. Management Nursing
6:30-8:20	6:30-7:45pm -TR 8-9:15pm TR Classes which meet R nights only	Special for Multi-section	Classes which meet M nights only*****	Specials Classes which meet T nights only	Classes which meet W nights only or MW

NOTE: Finals for Monday Night classes: December 18, at regular class time.

Take Notice

• All students who plan to graduate this fall must have all business office holds cleared before they can receive their diplomas.

• Due to the end of the semester break, Dec. 20 through Jan. 10, *THE SOUTHWESTERN* will not be published again until Jan. 24.

• Applications are now being accepted for a photographer for student publications. Interested students should apply in person at Old Science 117.

Lori Kromer hopes to trade the sidewalks

She dreams of becoming country music singer of the year and is headed toward the bright lights in February

By ROBYN HOFFMAN/A & E EDITOR

Today, she walks the campus sidewalks from class to class. Tomorrow, she will pound the pavement in Nashville from record label to record label.

On campus, she worries about little technicalities before she graduates in December. In Nashville, she will worry about legal technicalities involved in a recording contract.

Today, she is your typical Southwestern student. But if everything goes the way she dreams, she will someday boast the title of country music singer of the year.

Lori Kromer is headed for the bright lights of Nashville in February, where she will try to make her biggest dream come true—signing a deal with a major record company.

Kromer has made a decision sure to have a major impact on her life. At 22, and after only three and a half years of college, Lori will graduate with a degree in business administration. But instead of using the degree, she has decided to seek fame and fortune in Nashville. It is a decision that she never had trouble making.

"I really cannot ever remember a time when I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do with my singing," Kromer said. "I honestly can't remember ever wanting to do anything else."

Since about the age of eight, she has compiled a list of impressive accomplishments. It was then that Kromer began the pageant circuit, an activity that carried through to her college days. She walked away the victor in many pageants, including Miss Southwestern, and vied for the Miss Oklahoma crown four times. Through these experiences,

Kromer honed her singing skills and showcased them to everyone that would listen.

"In the pageant circuit, I was 'the' country singer, because people don't sing country in pageants," she said. "People at the pageants were always telling me that I should go to Nashville."

"The" country singer gained valuable experience from each competition, but at the same time was adding other achievements to her resume. Kromer opened for country music singer Ronna Reeves and performed in the Oklahoma Opry and on the Johnny High Show in Ft. Worth. It was these experiences that became the foundation for her future and helped her gain confidence in knowing that she does have a chance.

"I'm not somebody who's just been sitting at home with my guitar singing. I have the advantage of having been on stage," the aspiring songstress said.

That little edge obviously helped her in 1992, when she auditioned to perform at Opryland. She snagged the job, but because she was scheduled to be in the

Miss Oklahoma pageant for a week during the time she would need to work at Opryland, she was forced to turn down the offer.

Her second audition for Opryland came last November at Oklahoma City University. After hundreds of people tried out for a coveted spot, the judges narrowed the field to eight, including Kromer. They called her back to sing, and she still waits to hear from the pageant officials on the outcome.

Her parents were at the auditions, and like any other parents who face losing a child to the entertainment jungle, they instantly knew that their music-driven daughter was Nashville bound.

"As we were leaving [the audition] my mom was teary eyed. She said 'I think I'm going to lose my baby to Nashville!'"

Kromer admits that leaving the nest will not be easy for her either, since she is a very family oriented person.

"I'm very close to my family, so I'm sure I'll be homesick," Kromer said. "But they know that's what I want to do and where I need to be."

Center stage at the 1995 Miss Clinton pageant, Kromer provides entertainment for the evening.

PHOTO PROVIDED



campus for the studios of Nashville

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Regardless of the anxieties Kromer foresees, she knows exactly what she does and does not want. Of course she wants the fame and recognition, but she is not willing to drastically change her image in order to achieve stardom. Kromer said she would agree to minor changes, maybe hair color or length, but she has definite boundaries.

"I definitely wouldn't change my name," she said.

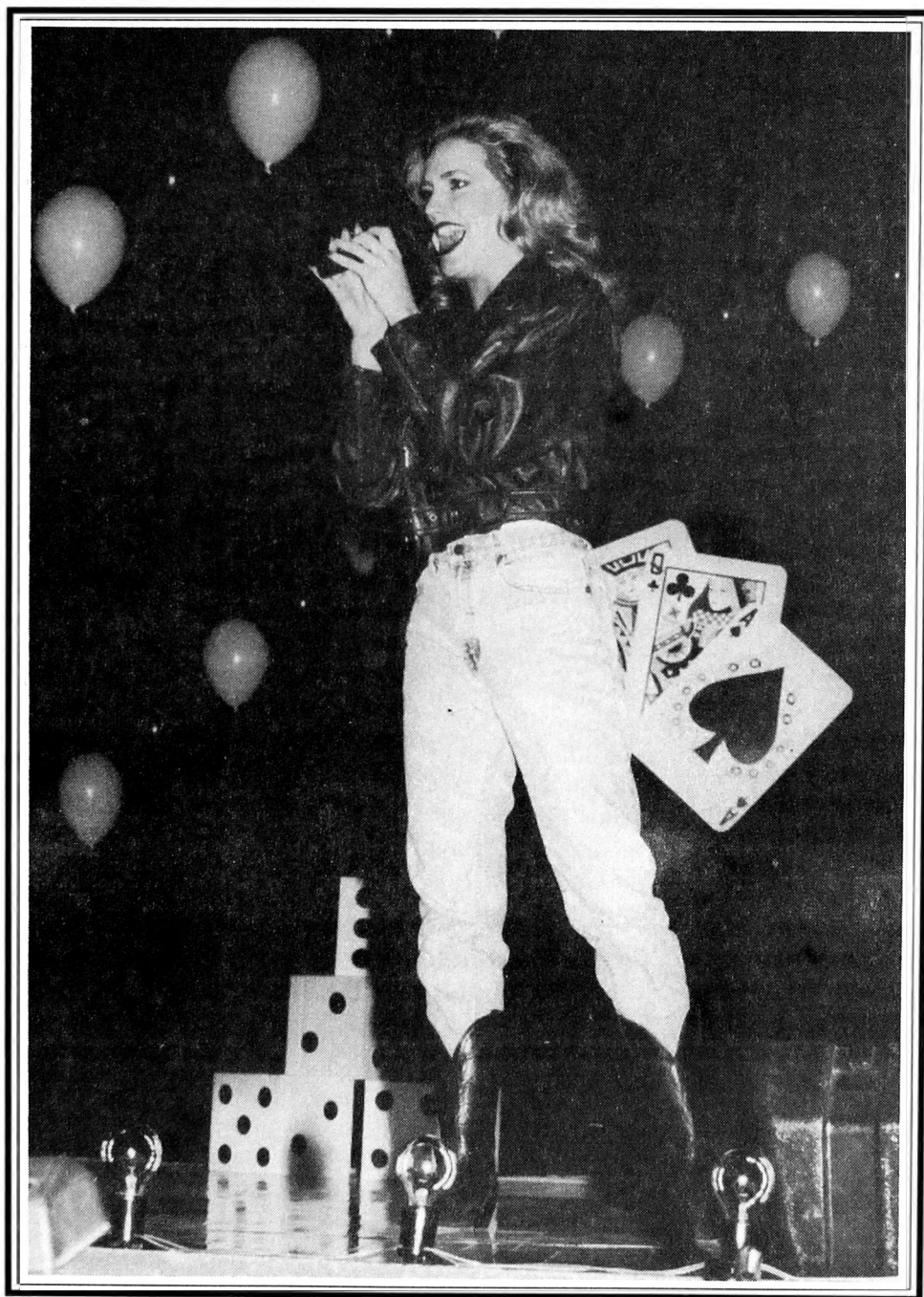
But she is not wasting her time thinking about the problems she may never encounter. Instead, she chooses to focus on the one thing she really wants that will lead to being heard all over the United States.

"I'd love to have a record deal and start out opening for somebody like Alan Jackson," she said. "Ultimately I want to be the headline act and have other people open for me."

Kromer has seen many headline acts and she knows what it takes to be the ideal female headliner. At least she thinks she does.

"The perfect female singer would have the looks of Faith Hill, the voice of Trisha Yearwood and the personality of Reba McEntire," she said.

Kromer is the first to point out that she could probably never fit that mold, because she feels she never really reaches perfection. But the determined entertainer strives for it anyway. Some think she is just wasting her time.



Kromer belts out a country and western song, practicing her talent that she hopes will bring her stardom.

PHOTO PROVIDED.

"I meet people today that say, 'Oh that's such a pipe dream. A million people move to Nashville seeking that same dream.' But I only need one slot. I only need one record deal. I don't care how many other millions of people are there trying to do it, too."

"I really can't imagine things not

working out for me," she said. "It seems like everything so far in my life has worked out and that this is what I'm supposed to do."

It is that positive attitude that could change today's dream into tomorrow's reality.

Politically correct Bible: 'God is not impressed'?

By ANNETTE RUSSI/STAFF WRITER

It's 4 B.C. Outside the small dirty structure there is much activity, people walking around, chatting, and laughing.

Inside only one small voice is heard, the crying of a new born baby. The baby is wrapped in strips of soft cloth and laid in a diminutive, wooden structure.

"Is it a boy or a girl?" Joseph asks Mary.

"I can't tell," she replies in confusion. "It's neither."

In most people's minds that's not exactly how the story of the birth of Jesus goes, but that's something like it would go if it were "politically correct."

Although the above isn't an excerpt from it, the Oxford University Press did put out what has been called a "politically correct" Bible in mid-September.

This rendition of the Bible is written to get racism, gender-imbalance, harsh thoughts, etc. out of the Scriptures.

In this new Bible the "right hand of God" is taken out; after all, left-handed people shouldn't be discriminated against. Children no longer have to obey their parents; they simply have to heed them.

Wives no longer have to submit to the head of the household; they only have to commit to that person they got a ring from.

Evil is no longer referred to as darkness, because it can be interpreted as a racial slur. Jesus is no longer the "Son of" anyone; Jesus has become the "HUMAN ONE."

The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version

has already elicited many opinions from people, especially ministers. Weatherford ministers have varying opinions ranging from very conservative to ultra-liberal.

Church, along with some of the other ministers, said much the same thing, though in different ways.

"God breathed the Bible from beginning to end, and we shouldn't try to change

American Bible-Revised.

However, he said that the translations they use only make changes where it is appropriate such as "humankind" for "mankind."

Several of the ministers, Robison, did stress that God is neither male nor female. Bird said that we simply refer to "Him" as "Father" to make "Him" more personal to people.

On the liberal, supportive side is Rev. Susan Barnes of the Federated Church. Barnes said that she doesn't think of a man when she reads verses like Job 38:29 and Isaiah 66:13 in which words like "womb" and "mother's comfort" are used to refer to God and God's actions. She said when most of the early translations of the Bible were written, they were done so by men who took a lot of liberty with gender words, implying that God and the Holy Spirit are of the male gender.

According to Barnes, the Hebrew word for Spirit has a feminine gender; the Greek has neuter gender, yet some how the English version adds the two together and comes up with a masculine gender. She believes the new translation that changes the Lord's Prayer from "Our Father who art..." to "Our Father/Mother" will be helpful to people.

Some of these ministers may think of themselves "for" or "against" the *Inclusive Version*, but some of the comments they made overlap (e.g. God's all-encompassing gender). Basically, the local opinion lines are drawn, but not too distinctly.

'God breathed the Bible from beginning to end, and we shouldn't try to change it.'

—Rev. Dennis Robison

A majority of Weatherford ministers stand on what most people would consider the typical conservative side, even though they do so differently. Some choose a little dry humor to make their stand.

"God is not impressed," Rev. Ric Freeman of the First Assembly of God said. "It is more important to be Biblically correct than politically correct."

Most of the conservative ministers not supporting the "Inclusive Version" said that they felt the Bible is not to be changed, but that people are. W. Bruce Lewis, minister of the Church of Christ said it the strongest.

"Humanity's task is not to make God's revelation fit our politics and morality," Lewis said. "Our task is to adjust ourselves to God's revelation and allow Him to remake us to fit it. Those who advocate the 'Inclusive Version' are not adjusting to God's revelation."

Rev. Dennis Robison of the Southwestern Christian

it," Robison said.

Lewis and Robison are completely, straightforward, no-nonsense non-supporters. According to Lewis, the "politically correct" Bible is not even a translation of the Bible.

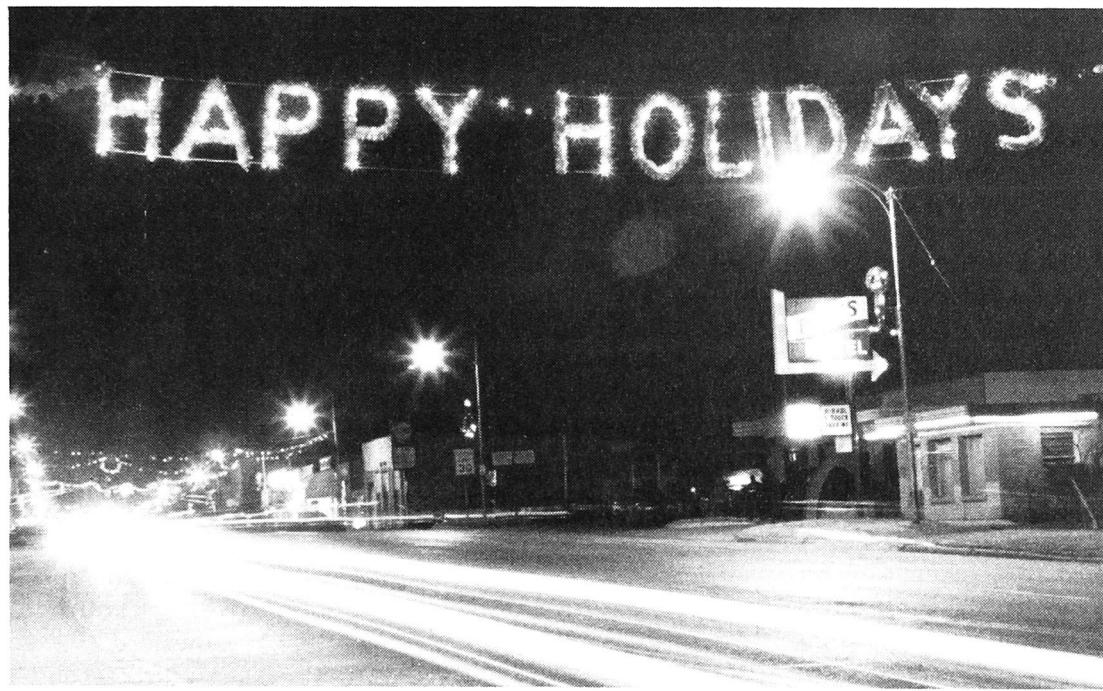
"It is a manifesto of leftist political theologians to abort God's word from the mind of humanity and implant their own," Lewis said.

According to Robison, it's nothing more than a "satanic instrument."

Other ministers are against this new bible, but not in such blunt ways. Clayton Hughes, minister of the First United Methodist, simply said that he really didn't think it would "catch on."

But not every Weatherford minister is against the *Inclusive Version*, though their degree of agreement varies.

Father Stephen Bird of St. Eugene's Catholic Church said that the Catholics have, for some time now, been using more inclusive versions of the Bible, such as the *New*



As students gear up for the holiday season, sights of Christmas invade campus and downtown. Photographer Ellie Miranda captured a glimpse of the city draped in lights.

A Christmas tradition

Ballet to present 'Nutcracker'

By TANGIE HOLLIN/NEWS REPORTER

The Western Oklahoma Ballet and Theatre presents its 15th anniversary of the "Nutcracker" Dec. 16-17 in the Fine Arts Center.

The children's ballet has performed "The Nutcracker" for Southwestern since 1984. The cast includes children from the Western Oklahoma area in junior high and high school, as well as dance students of artistic director Penny Askew.

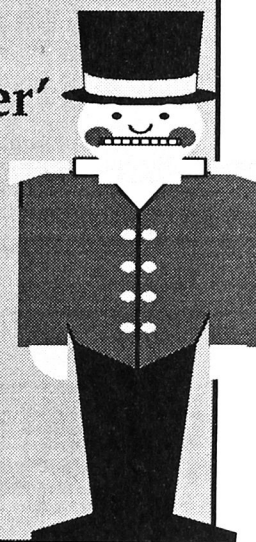
"This ballet is world renowned," said Joyce Teghtmeyer, registrar's office clerk who plays the party mother in the ballet. "Most people know of this because there are so many children involved."

The story is about a girl who receives the nutcracker at a party from a family friend. Her brother takes it from her and breaks it. Later on the nutcracker comes alive in her dream.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. the 16th and 3 p.m. the 17th.

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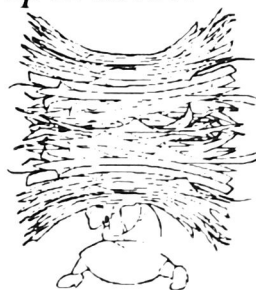



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Family radio hits local airwaves

By MARIAN MEACHAM/NEWS REPORTER

Two weeks ago 91.9 FM began lighting up the air waves in and around Weatherford with American Family Radio, a new Christian station relayed via satellite from Tupelo, Miss.

Already, people in Thomas, Hydro, Corn and Clinton have responded favorably to the new stop on the dial, according to organizer of the project Jim Morrison.

Morrison, director of the Baptist Student Union, said he expects Saturday night programming to most appeal to the college crowd.

"The music between 5 and 11 p.m. is heavier with more of a rock beat," Morrison said of the station's programming.

Thirty percent of AFR's programming is speakers and news such as Dr. James Dobson's popular show "Focus on the Family." The other 70 percent is devoted to contemporary Christian music.

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 91.9 FM featured "Share-a-thon," the annual drive which finances AFR. This allows AFR to be offered free of charge and without commercials.

The only expense involved in the project is rental on the receiving tower south of Weatherford.

Thirty-second-long promotional spots every hour from churches in the area will finance this expense.

In the future, students involved with the BSU will help write and execute these promotionals.

*Christian station 91.9
debuts in Weatherford
with members of the
Baptist Student Union
soon to write and execute
promotionals*

Trees, trees, trees...

Kirkpatrick Center annual 'Treefest' underway

By ROBYN HOFFMAN/A&E EDITOR

The sights and sounds of Christmas come alive as the Kirkpatrick Center salutes Native Americans during its annual Holiday Treefest which runs through Jan. 1.

"Holiday Treefest '95: An International Celebration" not only pays tribute to the Native Americans, but the celebration also features art, music and entertainment.

According to John Willbanks, the center's public relations manager, this is the biggest year yet for the Christmas display.

Each museum within

the Kirkpatrick complex is helping carry out the Christmas theme. With each paid admission of \$6, visitors can browse through The International Photography Hall of Fame & Museum, The Red Earth Indian Center, the Kirkpatrick planetarium and the Kirkpatrick galleries.

People can view 40 trees that reflect specific themes selected by different cultures. France, Japan, Spain and Germany are a sampling of the countries represented. But the 12 foot tree in the Red Earth Indian Center is the focal point.

The giant tree reflects the theme of Treefest. Native Americans adorned the tree

with handmade ornaments such as dream catchers, clay sculptures, miniature drums and cradleboards.

In addition to the tree, the Indian center showcases "Pendleton: A Woven History of the West," "Gifts of Honor: The Toys of Native America" and the Winter Art Show.

The International Photography Hall of Fame & Museum features "Angelic Visions" and "Merry Christmas America: A Front Yard View of the Holidays." The annual "Star of Wonder" show returns. and "Pocahontas: The Legend" debuts in the Kirkpatrick galleries.

For more information, call 427-5461.

Auction raises over \$2, 800 for SW grad student

By **LESLIE TAYLOR/NEWS EDITOR**

7:32 p.m.—townspeople began to trickle through the doors of the auction building, some checking out items up for bid, signing in and taking bidding cards.

7:47 p.m.—more people, including groups of Southwestern students, flowed inside. Auction workers grinned—the list of bidders now numbered 41. Excited consumers poked through the displays and murmured to companions about what they wanted to place their cash on.

7:59 p.m.—the jolly, overall-clad auctioneer, a.k.a. Mayor Gary Rader, pumped up the crowd gathered around the six tables of merchandise while a number of potential buyers gushed through the doors to register before the event started.

And at exactly 8 p.m., the first item, an autographed picture of Nancy Kerrigan, went up for bid at the Molly Strickler Celebrity Benefit Auction.

Held Dec. 4 in the Weatherford Shopping Center, the auction attracted over 100 participants and about 70 actual buyers. From a cast-autographed *Roseanne* script to a signed photo of Rodney Dangerfield, items were held up for people to haggle over.

The event brought in exactly \$2, 859.67.

A glittery Pam Tillis skirt and vest sold for \$200 to an out-of-town collector and brought the biggest donation.

Other articles that went expensively include an original Hank Ketchum

drawing of Dennis the Menace, a basketball autographed by OU basketball player Ryan Minor and a signed CD from country music artist Tim McGraw.

These items didn't go without a fight from some auction-goers. Some bids rose by the dollar, others by ten dollars.

Rader drove up the level of excitement in the room by begging, cajoling and even offering to shed his overalls if bidders would go higher "just once."

One particularly humorous bid war involved a woman competing against a preschool-age boy.

**Auctioneer
Mayor Gary
Rader cajoles
SW biology
instructor Sue
Ball into
bidding more
cash on a Dallas
Cowboy
pennant with
signatures of
Barry Switzer
and Jerry Jones.
The pennant
ultimately went
to another
bidder for \$125.**

The boy tentatively raised his hand at Rader, and the auctioneer closed on the bid, despite fact that the father had no clue his son just spent his money. Happily, the father took the news well.

The minimum bid

stood at \$2, but only a few items stayed that low.

It seemed as if the crowd understood that the proceeds went to a good cause—to help pay medical costs for Molly Strickler, a Southwestern graduate student struggling with rare tumors on her spine and lungs.

The University Media Association, the campus club which sponsored the auction, delivered the final check to Strickler the day after the auction.

Overwhelmed, Strickler

called the group's efforts "unbelievable."

Planning for the event began in September, when UMA member Robyn Hoffman came up with the idea for a celebrity event, located the addresses and sent the letters.

The UMA received around 100 items from October until the day before the auction.

Despite the months of hard work she put in, Hoffman said she would do it again "in a heartbeat."

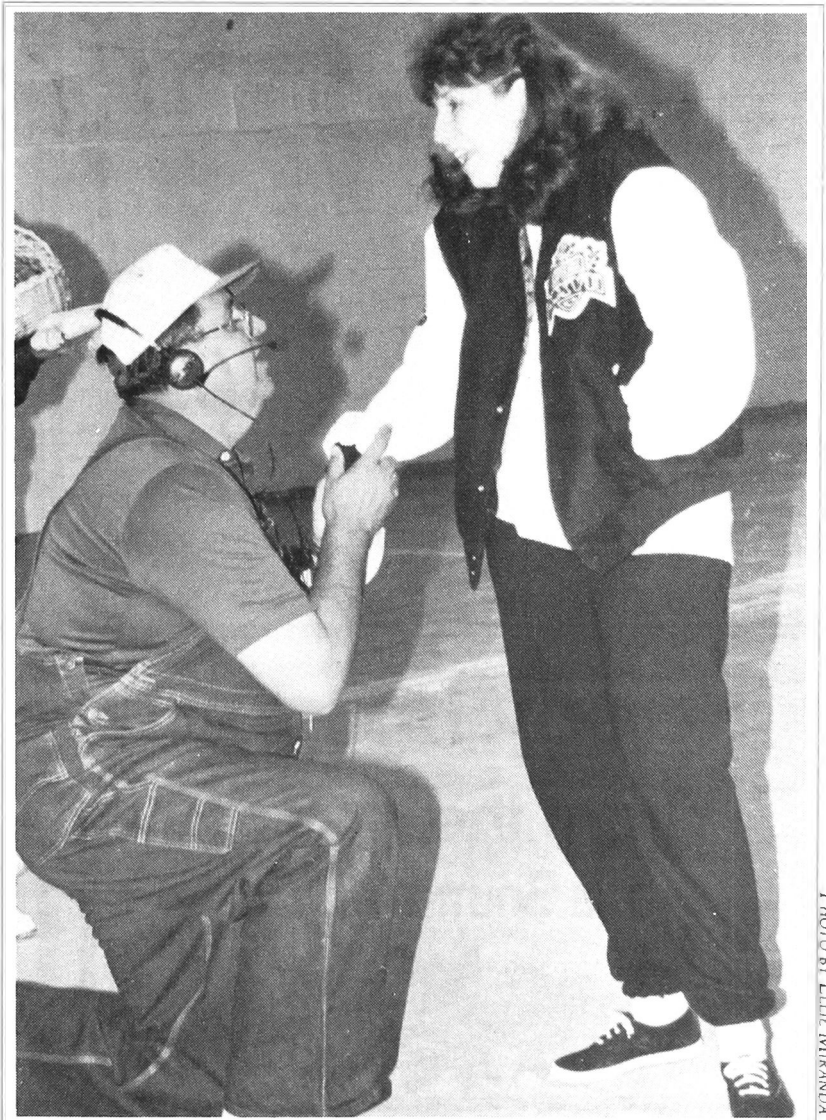


PHOTO BY ELLIE MIRANDA

Southwestern's Corner on Scholarship

Associate Vice President's Message:

The first and second quarters of FY96 have been a record setting time for activities related to grants, contracts and cooperative agreements. Specific numbers will be provided in this column during January. The Office of Sponsored Programs will be open regular hours after the holiday break (i.e. starting Jan. 2). On behalf of Kathy Hayes, Karen Bergman, Lori Wilczek and myself, let me take this opportunity to extend our wishes for a happy and safe holiday. We will see you in 1996.

Faculty in the News:

• **David Lawrence**, mathematics, ext. 3055, was awarded a Summer Academy grant titled: "Tools for the Trade: Technologies for Science and Math" from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The amount of the award was \$24,120.

• **Blake Sonobe**, chemistry, ext. 3264 and **Alan Lane**, chemistry, ext. 3114, were awarded a Summer Academy grant titled: "Explore Our Modern Scientific World" from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The amount of the award was \$77,484.

• **George Atkins**, computer science, ext. 3201, was awarded an Eisenhower grant titled: "Telecomputing Resources and Strategies for Enhancing K-12 Education" from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The amount of the award was \$31,748.

• **David Lawrence**, mathematics, ext. 3055, was awarded an Eisenhower grant titled: "Graphing Calculator Institute" from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The amount of the award was \$28,000.

• **John Woods**, math-

ematics, ext. 3088, was awarded an Eisenhower grant titled: "K-6 Science and Math Reform: An Inquiry Based In-Service Program for Elementary Teachers" from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The amount of the award was \$57,562.

Funding Opportunities:

Women's Research & Education Institute

supports the activity of placing graduate students in congressional offices. The amount of the award is \$11.5K. The application deadline is March 15, 1996.

American Association for the Advancement of Science supports fellowships for students and mid-career faculty. The amount of the award is \$8K-45K plus relocation and travel allowance. The application deadline is Jan. 15, 1996.

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Student Financial Services will move Dec. 20 to the General Thomas P. Stafford Building 224.

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Lady Bulldogs roll past opposition at home

Players take three weeks off for holiday

Southwestern's women's team nailed an impressive 48 percent of their first-half shots Friday night en route to a 20 point win over St. Edwards.

The Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 10-1 with the victory.

Led by Junior Maranda Roberts, who had 16 points, including six in a row to start the second half, Southwestern played its entire roster and boasted a dozen players whose shots found the basket.

Freshman Miriam Owiti scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds. She was closely

followed by junior forward Joanna Kailahi, who had 10 points and seven boards.

Senior Tangie Hollin made eight points and pulled down two rebounds and was matched in scoring by Kristi Dickerson, who also had eight.

The Lady Dawgs led 36-22 at intermission and broke loose for a quick 11-2 run to open the second half in which they led by at least 20 for most of the remainder.

St. Edwards managed only 35 percent in field goal shooting in the first half, and 31 percent in the second half, mostly due to a powerful

defensive performance by Southwestern, who forced 27 turnovers.

St. Edwards was led in scoring by Giovanna Arias, who had 15 points and nine rebounds, followed by Paula Fletcher with 12 points and Terry Hubbard with 10.

The Lady Bulldogs have the rest of the semester off for Christmas before traveling to Lawton Jan. 4 to play Cameron. They will then host the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma for their second conference game six days later.

Men fall to OBU by 13

Tough schedule ends fall semester

The Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference and Sooner Athletic Conference matchup between Southwestern and Oklahoma Baptist featured two teams coming off impressive seasons Friday night, but the Bison managed to return a more potent offensive attack as they defeated the Dawgs 70-57.

Only Corey Harbert, a transfer from OBU, managed to score in double figures for Southwestern. He hit four of nine from the field and one three pointer for 11 points. Jo Jo Daniels followed with nine points and two steals. The Bison scoring attack was led by Mike Hendren, who hit seven of ten from the field and two free throws for 16 points. Teammates Clay Martin and Eric Cardenas

also scored in double figures, netting 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Southwestern was out-rebounded 37-21, but managed a 12-16 turnover advantage by game's end.

The Bulldogs trailed by only five at halftime, but were outscored 35-24 in the second half.

The Dawgs' shooting percentage fell from 42 to 36 percent after intermission to contribute to the deficit.

Southwestern played host to No. 3 ranked Oklahoma City University Monday evening to finish the fall schedule.

The Bulldogs will return to Oklahoma Christian University Jan. 4-6 for the first three games of the spring semester.

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In 1955 the Dawgs manhandled Norman Navy 104-30, marking the school's first ever 100 point game.

Spring cheerleader roster tentatively set

By DARCIE PARTON/SPORTS REPORTER

The cheerleaders held tryouts Sunday at 2 p.m., but only one girl showed up. Kalie Hawkins of Leedey made the squad.

There were four open positions for anyone who wished to try out. Although there were not enough people to fill the positions, anyone trying out was required to score a 70 percent or higher to make the squad.

The cheerleaders held two clinics Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. They were designed to the requirements for the tryouts, which included a cheer, the

"If there is an interest, we may reopen tryouts..."

—Amy Roberson, captain

dance to the school song and three jumps.

"If there is an interest, we may reopen tryouts at the beginning of next semester," Captain Amy Roberson said.

Roberson, of Hollis, along with three others will return to the squad. Staci Stephens of Mt. View, DeAnn Dirickson of Carnegie and April Shipley of Lawton are the returning veterans.

The cheerleaders have raised money for more uniforms next semester. They had their first annual calf fry this year and raised \$950 to pay for the new uniforms.

They are also selling hats, and anyone who attended the calf fry and would like a t-shirt can contact any of the cheerleaders.

The four girls not returning to the squad are Tracey Paetzold, Gena Stover, Heather Heitkamper, and Misty Staggs. They will cheer until the end of this semester.

Anyone interested in trying out for cheerleader can talk to Roberson, or the sponsor, Laurie Robertson.

Two former SW cowboys in NFR

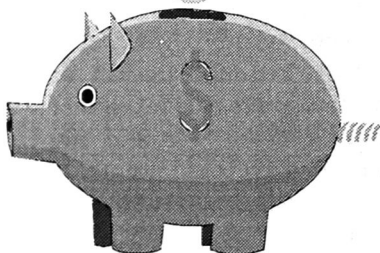
Former Southwestern cowboys Mark Gomes and Eric Mouton are competing in bareback riding at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mouton, a Weatherford resident, tied for fourth in the sixth go of the bareback riding competition.

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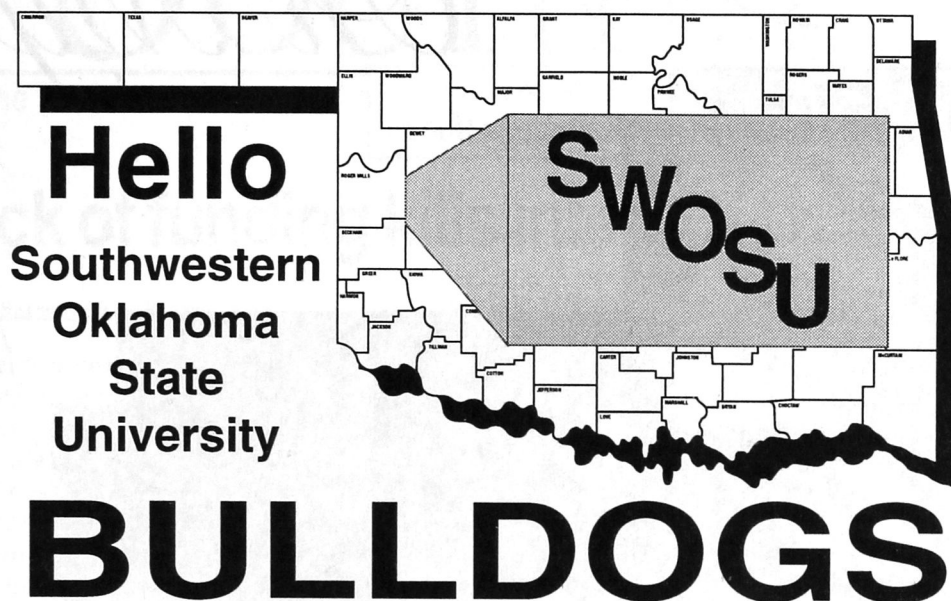
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Heisman

Eddie George, who led the nation with 24 touchdowns and rushed for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards, won the Heisman Trophy Saturday night.

The senior tailback beat out Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier and Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel by a surprisingly large margin.

Boxing

Frans Botha of South Africa won a controversial split decision over Axel Schulz on Saturday to win the IBF heavyweight title in Stuttgart, Germany.

German fans flung coins and beer bottles into the ring when the decision was announced. Two of the three judges voted for Botha (36-0).

Tennis

Todd Martin defeated Boris Becker in the semifinals of the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup in Munich, Germany. The American beat Becker before 11,000 cheering German fans and in Becker's hometown.

Becker rallied during a see-saw fourth set, but Martin held on to win.

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